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SUBJ: CAMBODIAN EMBASSY ISSUES STATEMENT CONDEMNING "SYSTEMATIC
AND LARGE-SCALE AGGRESSION" BY THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

1. SUMMARY: THE CAMBODIAN EMBASSY DECEMBER 31 ISSUED A
LENGTHY DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO OTHER FOREIGN MISSIONS IN
PEKING CONDEMNING THE "SYSTEMATIC AND LARGE SCALE ACTS OF
AGGRESSION" BY THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. THE
TEN PAGE NOTE CHARGES VIETNAM WITH ATTACKING CAMBODIA WITH
"MANY INFANTRY DIVISIONS, MANY HUNDREDS OF ARMoured CARS,
HEAVY ARTILLERY, AND SOMETIMES AIR SUPPORT." VIETNAM IS
ACCUSED OF ORGANIZING A HANDFUL OF KHMER TRAITORS TO SET UP A
"NEW PARTY IN ITS DEVOTION TO DESTROYING THE COMMUNIST
PARTY OF KAMPUCHEA." THE NOTE ALLEGES THAT VIETNAM
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EMPLOYED FOREIGNERS TO SERVE AS "ADVISORS, EXPERTS OR
COMMANDING OFFICERS IN UNITS OF ARTILLERY AND ARMoured CARS".
THE NOTE STOPS SHORT OF DECLARING WAR AND CONCLUDES THAT THE
GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA DECIDED TO ISSUE THIS
STATEMENT TO INFORM THE WORLD OF THE "ACTS OF
AGGRESSION" OF THE ARMY OF VIETNAM STATING THAT
THE PEOPLE OF CAMBODIA "OPPOSE THE NEW ACTS OF

INJUSTICE, AND AT ALL COSTS THEY DO NOT WANT TO BE
ENFEOFFED TO ANYONE OR TO LIVE AS A SLAVE." END SUMMARY.

2. SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN PEKING (NOT USLO)
WERE NOTIFIED DECEMBER 30 THAT A PRESS CONFERENCE
WOULD BE HELD AT THE KAMPUCHEAN EMBASSY DECEMBER 31
AT 10:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME. DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE,
A STATEMENT WAS ISSUED CONDEMNING THE "ACTS
OF AGGRESSION BY THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM"
AGAINST CAMBODIA (AT THE TIME OF THIS
WRITING, THE PRESS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN IN SESSION
FOR 4 1/2 HOURS). AT 11:00 A.M. PEKING TIME, THE
CAMBODIAN EMBASSY ISSUED A LENGTHY DIPLOMATIC NOTE
TO MISSIONS IN PEKING CONDEMNING THE "REPEATED
ACTS OF LARGE-SCALE AND SYSTEMATIC AGGRESSION AND
INVASION" BY VIETNAM AGAINST CAMBODIA.

3. A TEN PAGE ENGLISH TRANSLATION WAS ISSUED WITH
THE NOTE AND USLO HAS OBTAINED A COPY. EXCERPTS
FROM THE NOTE ARE AS FOLLOWS:
SINCE SEPTEMBER 1977, THE ARMY OF THE "SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM" INCLUDING MANY DIVISIONS OF
INFANTRY DISPATCHED FROM HANOI WITH MANY HUNDREDS
OF ARMoured CARS AND MANY HUNDREDS OF PIECES OF
HEAVY ARTILLERY, WITH SOMETIMES AIR SUPPORT, HAS
LAUNCHED SYSTEMATIC AND LARGE-SCALE AGGRESSIONS
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OF INVASION AGAINST DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA WITH INTENT
TO LOOT PADDY CROPS IN THE EAST REGION, AT TRAPEANG
PHLONG, STUNG, KREK, MEMOT. AFTER THAT, IN
NOVEMBER 1977, THE ARMY OF THE "SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
OF VIETNAM" HAS LAUNCHED AGGRESSIONS OF INVASION
AGAINST THE PROVINCE OF SVAY RIENG AND PENETRATED
DEEPLY ON DOZENS OF KILOMETERS INTO THE DISTRICTS
OF RUMDUOL, PRASAUT, KOMPONG RAU, CHANTREA. IN
DECEMBER 1977, IT HAS LAUNCHED AGAIN LARGE-SCALE
AGGRESSIONS OF INVASION AGAINST THE PROVINCE OF
TAKEO, IN THE DISTRICTS OF KOH ANDET AND KIRIVONG
AND AGAINST THE PROVINCE OF KAMPOT IN THE DISTRICT
OF KOMPONG TRACH WITH INTENT TO LOOT ALSO PADDY
CROPS AND MASSACRE THE POPULATION. AT THE SAME TIME,
THE AGGRESSION ARMY OF THE "SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM" HAS EVERDAY HARRASSED, SHELLED, FIRED
WITH MACHINE-GUN AT OTHER PLACES IN THE TERRITORY OF
DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA AS IN THE PROVINCES OF RATTANA-
KIRI, MONDULKIRI, KRATIE, PREY VENG AND KANDAL, IN
THE REGIONS CONTIGUOUS OR NEAR TO THE FRONTIER
KAMPUCHEA-VIETNAM. DURING THESE AGGRESSIONS, THE
ARMY OF THE "SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM" HAS

LOOTED PADDY CROPS ON 2,000 TO 3,000 HECTARES
BELONGING TO THE PEOPLE OF KAMPUCHEA AT TRAPEANG
PHLONG, STUNG, KREK, MEMOT, ON MORE THAN 4,000
HECTARES AT KOH ANDET AND KIRIVONG IN THE PROVINCE
OF TAKEO....THE VIETNAMESE AGGRESSION ARMY HAS
REVEALED ITS NATURE OF THE MOST BARBAROUS AGGRESSION
ARMY AGAINST DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA DO NOT TOLERATE
THESE ACTS. THEY HAVE VALIANTLY RESPONDED AND

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REPELLED THE AGGRESSION TROOPS OF THE "SOCIALIST
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM" THAT HAVE COME AND VIOLATED THE
TERRITORY OF KAMPUCHEA, IMPOSING ON THEM SUCCESSIVE
DEFEATS ON THE BATTLE-FIELDS....

....(VIETNAM) HAS ORGANISED A HANDFUL OF KHMER TRAITORS
TO SET UP A NEW PARTY TO ITS DEVOTION IN ORDER TO
DESTROY THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF KAMPUCHEA....

....IN 1975 AND 1976, VIETNAM HAS UNCEASINGLY CARRIED
OUT ACTS OF AGGRESSION AND CRIMINAL ATTEMPTS OF
COUP D'ETAT TO OVERTHROW THE REGIME OF DEMOCRATIC
KAMPUCHEA THROUGH A HANDFUL OF TRAITORS, AGENTS OF
VIETNAM....

DURING VIETNAMESE INVASIONS OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA'S
TERRITORY IN 1977 THERE ARE FOREIGNERS WHO SERVE AS

ADVISERS, EXPERTS OR COMMANDING OFFICERS IN UNITS
OF ARTILLERY AND ARMoured-CARS....THESE FOREIGNERS
HAVE TAKEN PART IN COMMAND ON THE BATTLE-FIELDS
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ALONG THE FRONTIER AND HAVE BROKEN INTO THE KAMPUCHEA'S
TERRITORY IN CERTAIN POINTS NEAR THE FRONTIER WHERE
THE VIETNAMESE ARMY HAS INSTALLED ITSELF....
CONSEQUENTLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA
ISSUES A SERIOUS WARNING TO THESE FOREIGNERS AND
THESE GOVERNMENTS TO IMMEDIATELY STOP THEIR ACTS OF
INGERENCE AND AGGRESSION AGAINST DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA.

4. THE NOTE ALLEGES THAT THE VIETNAMESE HAVE ATTACKED
AMBODIA "IN ORDER TO SOLVE ITS SCARCITY OF FOOD"
AND TO PRESSURE CAMBODIA INTO JOINING THE "INDOCHINA
FEDERATION UNDER THE VIETNAMESE THUMB." THE NOTE
POINTS OUT THAT CAMBODIA HAS ALWAYS SOUGHT TO SOLVE
ITS DIFFERENCES WITH VIETNAM IN A "SPIRIT OF FRIEND-
SHIP." IN MAY 1976, THE CAMBODIANS INVITED THE
VIETNAMESE TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS TO SETTLE THE
OUTSTANDING BORDER AND MARITIME CLAIMS. THE VIETNAMESE
TOOK A "CONDESCENDING ATTITUDE" AND CONTINUE
TO BEHAVE AS THE "BIG POWER OF SOUTHEAST ASIA."

5. STOPPING SHORT OF DECLARING WAR, THE NOTE CONCLUDES,
"FOR ALL THESE ABOVE-MENTIONED REASONS, AND AS THE
PEOPLE AND THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMY OF KAMPUCHEA HAVE
TO STAND UP AGAINST THE CRUEL AND BARBAROUS ACTS OF
AGGRESSION AND INVASION OF THE VIETNAMESE AGGRESSION
ARMY, THE GOVERNMENT OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA, WITH
THE AGREEMENT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE
ASSEMBLY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES OF KAMPUCHEA
CONVENED IN SPECIAL SESSION UNDER COMRADE NUON
CHEA'S CHAIRMANSHIP ON 25 DECEMBER 1977, DECIDES TO
ISSUE THIS STATEMENT TO INFORM ALL FRIENDS NEAR OR
FAR OF DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA AND THE WORLD OPINION
IN ORDER THAT THEY ARE CLEARLY AWARE OF THE ACTS OF
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AGGRESSION OF THE ARMY OF THE "SOCIALIST REPUBLIC
OF VIETNAM" AGAINST THE TERRITORY OF DEMOCRATIC
KAMPUCHEA AND THE TRUE NATURE OF VIETNAM ANNEXATIONIST
AND SWALLOWER OF THE TERRITORY OF KAMPUCHEA."
THE NOTE SAYS THAT THE CAMBODIANS WANT TO LIVE IN
PEACE BUT "THE CAUSE DEFENDED BY THE PEOPLE OF

KAMPUCHEA IS A JUST CAUSE, THEY DO NOT WANT TO BE
ENFEOFFED TO ANYONE OR TO LIVE AS SLAVES. THE
PEOPLE OF KAMPUCHEA WILL TRIUMPH OVER THE INJUST
ACTS OF AGGRESSION PERPETRATED BY THE VIETNAMESE
AGGRESSION ARMY.

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